(e) to (h) Government quarters under the administrative control of the Directorate of Estate are maintained by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), who ensure at the time of sending vacation reports to the Directorate of Estates that the vacant quarters are fit for occupation. In case any quarter needs extensive repairs it is declared unfit and if occupied, the allottee is offered alternative accommodation. This is a continuous phenomenon and all out efforts are made to make such quarters fit for occupation.

[English]

Unauthorised Constructions

6233. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to the USQ No. 2749 dated December 11, 1996 regarding unauthorised constructions and state :

(a) whether the requisite information has been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Demolitions in Chandigarh

6234. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demolition was carried out by the officials of the UT of Chandigarh in Shastri Nagar Colony, Mani Majra-Raja in June, 1996;

(b) if so, the number of houses demolished and the amount involved in demolitions;

(c) the provision under which it was carried out and whether the persons affected were given an opportunity of hearing before that; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes., Sir.

(b) In all 69 rooms 13 cattle sheds and one shop were demolished. The value of the demolition involved was not assessed.

(c) and (d) The demolition was carried out under the Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control Act, 1952. Before carrying out the demolition, due opportunity was given to the affected persons. Besides, a public notice was also issued.

Allotment of Shops

6235. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of each shop lying vacant for SCs/STs in CSC Block A&B and others at shopping centres of Paschimpuri Janata Flats Pocket I, II, III and 356 SFS, Paschim Vihar Block BG-I to VII etc. including predetermined fixed price of each shop as on March 31, 1997;

(b) whether the Government propose to allot these shops lying vacant for the SCs/STs on hire purchase basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the procedure to be followed in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the predetermined fixed price of these shops is higher in comparison to the market value of such type of shops; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) As per the report furnished by DDA, the details of shops yet to be allotted to the SCs/STs in these areas are as under:-

Place	Total no. of shops	No. of vacant shops to be allotted to SCs/Sts
A Janta Houses Block-B (Pkt., BG-6)	11 31	2 (5 and 10) 6 (7, 8, 11, 14, 15 & 17)
356 SFS at Madipur (Paschim Vihar)	24	NIL
Pkt. BG-3/BG-5 Paschim Vihar	15	NIL

The pre-determined fixed price of each shop is fixed at the time of allotment. The units are proposed to be allotted during the current financial year and the costing of these shops is to be done at that time.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The application will be invited from SCs/STs in the Month of Sept./Oct., 1997 and allotment will be made by computerised draw to eligible applicants.

(e) and (f) No, Sir.

Eulogisation of Militancy

6236. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 1,100 hardcore Jamait-e-Islami activists have been absorbed as teachers by the Jammu and Kashmir Government during the past seven years of militancy in the State;

(b) whether these teachers have been instrumental in eulogising militancy and "imprinting" wrong impression on the young minds: and

(c) if so, the reasons for the Government being helpless in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Restructure of Banking System

6237. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a study report titled "Challenges in banking 2000 A.D." made by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) has been received by the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to restructure the banking system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) had jointly with the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Indian Merchants' Chamber, held a seminar on "Challenges in Banking 2000" on 23rd April, 1997 at Mumbai. While a copy of the background paper has been obtained, no study report has been received by the Government.

(b) The background paper contains some suggestions relating to different aspects of banking. Effecting improvements in the banking industry is a continuous process in which suggestions received from different sources are kept in view in the light of all relevant factors.

Power Tariff

6238. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any wide variation in tariff rates for different sectors of power consumers in different States and Union Territories:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether different State Electricity Boards are increasing and fixing power tariffs arbitrarily without reference to any norms of guidelines and thus causing wide disparities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Delhi Vidyut Board has increased enormously the powr tariff;

(f) if so, the extent to which;

(g) whether the Government proposed to impose some discipline to regulate the increases and gifting away of power to different sectors by Electricity Boards/Undertakings; and

(h) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The average rates of tariff of electricity sold by different electricity Boards for domestic, agricultural and industrial purpose are given in the attached statement-I.

(c) and (d) The different State Electricity Boards are fixing the retail tariff for sale of electricity to Consumers under the provision of section 59 of Electricity (Supply), Act 1948 after taking into account subventions from the State Governments as per Section 63 of the said Act. The objective of the tariff revision, interalia, is to achieve 3% Rate of Return (ROR), after meeting all operating expenses, payment of interest on loan and depreciation provision.

(e) Delhi Vidyut Board has revised the tariff in different categories of consumers effective from the billing cycle of April, 1997.

(f) The details of actual revision in different categories as compared to the pre-revised tariff is given in the attached statement-II.

(g) and (h) The Common Minimum National Action Plan for Power (CMNAPP) finalised in the Chief Ministers' Conference on Power held on 16th October, 1996 & 3rd December, 1996, inter-alia, recommends for establishment of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERC) in each State/UT for determination of tariffs; no sector paying less than 50% of the average cost of supply agriculture tariff not being less than 50 paise per kwh to be brought to 50% of the average cost in not more than 3 years; recommendations of SERCs being mandatory and for any deviation from tariff recommended by it, the State Gov-